

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG 9-1-1 OVERSIGHT TEAM MEETING  
May 11, 2010  
MAG Office Building, Ocotillo Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

# Steve Kreis, Phoenix Fire Department, Chair	# Harry Beck, Mesa Fire Department
# Lawrence Rodriguez, Tolleson Police Department, Vice Chair	# Mike Fusco, Emergency Management, Peoria
# Chris DeChant for Mark Burdick, Glendale Fire Department	# Kim Humphrey, Phoenix Police Department
Jesse Locksa for Ray Churay, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	# Helen Gandara, Scottsdale Police Department
	# Brenda Buren, Tempe Police Department

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference call.

OTHERS PRESENT

# Jim Bloomer, Mesa Fire Department	Richard Huard, Pictometry
Patty Camacho, MAG	Tom Remes, Phoenix
Valerie Day, MAG	Amy St. Peter, MAG
Liz Graeber, MR 9-1-1 Administrator	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Kreis, Phoenix Fire Department, at 1:03 p.m. A roll call was taken.

Chair Kreis announced that Mike Fusco was retiring the end of June. He extended his appreciation to Chief Fusco for his ten years of service as a member of the 9-1-1 Oversight Team and thanked him for taking time out of his schedule to serve on the committee and for his leadership and sense of humor.

Vice Chair Rodriguez echoed the comments made by Chair Kreis and thanked Chief Fusco for lending his expertise. He said that a sense of humor helps when dealing with daunting tasks.

Chief Beck thanked Chief Fusco and expressed that it was a comfort knowing that Chief Fusco supported him. He expressed his hope to see Chief Fusco in the future.

Chief Fusco expressed his appreciation for the kind words. He said that working with the Oversight Team had been a great pleasure. Chief Fusco stated that it was nice to retire, but at times such as this you think of your friends and associates.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the 9-1-1 Oversight Team on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Oversight Team requests an exception to this limit. Opportunities for comment on items posted for action are provided at the time the item is heard. Chair Kreis noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

3. Approval of the February 22, 2010, Meeting Minutes

Chair Kreis asked members if they had changes to the minutes. None were noted. Chief Fusco moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010, meeting. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Recommendation of Chair and Vice Chair of the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team

Patty Camacho, MAG Senior Policy Planner, reported that on July 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. According to the Policies and Procedures, officer positions for technical committees have one-year terms, with possible reappointment to serve up to one additional term, by consent of the respective committee. In 2009, the Regional Council Executive Committee appointed the officers for the 9-1-1 Oversight Team to serve terms that would expire on June 30, 2010: Assistant Executive Chief Steve Kreis of the Phoenix Fire Department as Chair, and Chief Larry Rodriguez from the Tolleson Police Department as Vice Chair. Members of the 9-1-1 Oversight Team are being requested to make one of the following recommendations to the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee: 1) Recommend reappointment of the current chair and vice chair to serve a second one-year term until June 2011; or 2) Recommend that a new chair and vice chair be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve a one-year term until June 2011.

Chief Fusco moved to recommend reappointment of Assistant Executive Chief Steve Kreis of the Phoenix Fire Department as Chair, and Chief Larry Rodriguez from the Tolleson Police Department as Vice Chair to serve a second one-year term until June 2011, if they were willing. Ms. Gandara seconded.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that he was willing to serve another year term. He expressed that he felt there was a need to maintain continuity and the Chair and Vice Chair were an important element to that continuity.

Chair Kreis expressed that he would be happy to serve another one-year term. He expressed his appreciation for the support that he would be a good choice.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kreis expressed his thanks and extended his appreciation to Vice Chair Rodriguez for agreeing to serve as Vice Chair.

5. HUD Sustainable Communities Grant

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, reported on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. She said that the purpose of this presentation is to inform the Committee about activities undertaken to determine the viability of a regional application through MAG. Ms. St. Peter stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program to support the development of regional plans for sustainable development.

Ms. St. Peter stated that MAG may be eligible to apply for funding, which may position MAG well in the future if such plans become a requirement with the reauthorization of federal transportation funding. Ms. St. Peter stated that approximately \$100 million is available nationally with up to \$5 million potentially available for large metropolitan areas. She noted that a 20 percent match is required. Ms. St. Peter commented that it is anticipated that this grant process will be very competitive and oversubscribed, and she added that many in this region have expressed interest in applying or partnering for the grant.

Ms. St. Peter stated that the advance notice published by HUD in March did not define an eligible applicant or region. She indicated that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is due any day and staff hopes it will clarify who can apply for this funding. Ms. St. Peter remarked that such clarification will help determine if MAG is the most appropriate applicant for the region.

Ms. St. Peter stated that at the request of the MAG Executive Committee in April, staff convened meetings with community partners such as the Urban Land Institute and also with the officers of the MAG technical committees to collect information about current activities that are relevant to this grant. She added that the officers of the technical committees will meet that day at 1:30 p.m. at MAG. Ms. St. Peter stated that a report on the meetings will be presented to the MAG Executive Committee on May 17.

Ms. St. Peter stated that feedback received by HUD indicates they are prioritizing plans and projects that can be put into action. She indicated that HUD is providing additional funds to assist with implementation of the projects proposed by the regional plans for sustainable development.

Ms. St. Peter stated that HUD has also advised that applications focusing on partnerships with the capacity to deliver tangible results will be deemed most competitive. She said that partners on this grant could extend beyond the MAG region. Ms. St. Peter reported that other councils of governments are considering applications for this program and she added that it has been suggested that a consolidated application with a coordinating function could offer flexibility for the councils of governments to address the issues critical to them and increase the competitiveness for all regions.

Ms. St. Peter stated that discussions are underway with the Pima Association of Governments (PAG), and the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). She noted that PAG has indicated

a preference to submit an application independently and CAAG has expressed an interest in submitting a consolidated application with MAG.

Ms. St. Peter stated that in addition to continuing dialogue with PAG and CAAG, MAG is collecting planning inventories from the MAG technical committees regarding their activities that could support a regional application. She said that a stakeholders group meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 9:30 a.m. with community partners to collect the same information, which will be presented to the MAG Executive Committee seeking their guidance on the degree of MAG's involvement in a potential regional application.

Chair Kreis thanked Ms. St. Peter for the update. He said that he and Liz Graeber would be attending the officers meeting at 1:30 to see if there were any opportunities for the 9-1-1 system. He asked members if they had any comments and that ideas could also be shared at a later date.

Vice Chair Rodriguez commented that the nexus between the grant and the 9-1-1 system would need clarification.

Chief Beck commented that because it is broad based there is the potential for opportunities for emergency response.

Ms. Gandara spoke about sustainability and getting the 9-1-1 system to the next generation 9-1-1.

Ms. Camacho commented that the information provided so far is not detailed enough to show how this grant could touch MAG. She said that the item was brought forward to make everyone aware of the potential grant and to hear ideas.

Chair Kreis expressed that he appreciated participating in the officers meeting in case there were any opportunities for any aspect of the 9-1-1 or CENS programs.

Richard Huard from Pictometry informed the committee of a grant opportunity for firefighters through FEMA. He commented that the grant has a very short timeframe and applications are due May 31. Mr. Huard stated that in 2009, Arizona received less than \$4 million of the \$380 million that was available nationwide through these types of grants. He reported that his company was working on a grant for a fire district in this region. Mr. Huard stated that he could provide the link to the FEMA website where the grant and how it applies to the 9-1-1 system are explained

Chair Kreis responded to Mr. Huard that he had received Mr. Huard's email and they are looking at it. He added that he touched on a point for further exploration. Mr. Huard made the offer to provide examples of similar grants. He stated that his company is interested in imagery, but he brought this forward because he is a member of the community and is interested in Arizona receiving its share of funding.

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chief Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Chief Fusco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.